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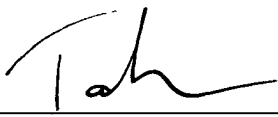
Please cancel Claims 10, 13-23, and 32 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were originally filed in the present case. Claims 10 and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice.¹ In the Office Action dated 12/02/02, the Examiner required a restriction to Groups I, II, III, IV, or V. Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse. Claims 13-23 are cancelled herein without prejudice in view of the present restriction requirement. As such, Claims 1-9, 11-12, 24-31, and 33 are currently pending. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled claims in one or more Divisional Applications. In the Office Action dated 12/2/02, the Examiner required that the Applicants elect a single amino acid or nucleic acid sequence for examination (Office Action, pg. 5). This requirement is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 10 and 32.

Should a telephone interview aid in the prosecution of this Application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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¹ These amendments and cancellations were made to further the business interests of the Applicant, without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's arguments or rejections, and reserving the right to prosecute the original (or similar) claims in the future.